REMARKS

This communication responds to the Office Action dated February 18, 2009.

Claims 1 and 17 are amended, and no further claims are canceled or added by this response. Claims 1, 4, 7-9, 12, 14-17, 19-21, 23-25, 27, 29-31, 33, and 34 are pending in this application.

§ 101 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1, 4, 7-8, 17, and 19-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as not falling within one of the four statutory categories of the invention. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection as applied to the claims in their present form.

Claims 4, 7, and 8 depend on claim 1, and claims 19-20 depend on claim 17. Applicant believes claims 1 and 17 were amended in a manner indicated in the Office Action to be allowable by the Examiner. Consequently, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of claims 1, 4, 7-8, 17, and 19-20 is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 9, 12, 14-16, 21, 23-25, 27, 29-31, 33, and 34 were allowed. Applicant acknowledges the allowed subject matter with appreciation.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative at (612) 371-2172 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or deficiencies, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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